

MORE SUITS ARE FILED

Against the White Pass Railroad by Many Victoria Shippers

LEGAL LAW IS RELIED UPON

Win the Claims Now Lodged Against the Company

CASES ARE PROVEN

Damages May Be Awarded on Three Times the Amount of Loss Sustained.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Writs were issued Dec. 11 against the British Columbia Navigation Co., otherwise the White Pass and Yukon Route, to determine the legal standing of shippers of goods and passengers who have paid...

DEFENDS ITSELF.

White Pass road in a long communication to the Seattle press...

The Ladue Assay Office

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The Ladue Co.

tariffs are not the real rates, as everyone knows. Rebates of varying sums are always given. They are so arranged that the permanent shipper is given something of an advantage over one who only patronizes the line occasionally.

There are three divisions on the road—from Skagway to Summit in States, from Summit to Pennington in British Columbia, and from Pennington to Whitehorse in Yukon territory. The rates in all except the latter are subject to approval.

It is impossible to draw any comparison between rates in Alaska and rates in the United States or Canada. Rates are higher, population is scarce, we handle freight only one way and have practically no intermediate stations.

WELL, HARDLY.

Washington, Dec. 14.—W. C. C. Georgeson, special expert in the U. S. agricultural department, reports officially that Alaska will soon be an important contributor to the American supply of wheat for export.

CANAL PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The committee on interstate and foreign commerce has reported favorably on the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the Nicaraguan canal.

EMPIRE HOTEL

The Finest House in Dawson All Modern Improvements.

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(GULLIVER) DAWSON:—"IF I HAD SLEPT MUCH LONGER THESE LILIPUTIANS WOULD HAVE HAD ME TIED FAST."

TWO REPORTS SUBMITTED KILLED ON CHECHACO HILL

Schley Court of Inquiry Could Not Agree Admirals Benham and Massey Censure While Dewey Exonerates—Says Schley Deserves Credit for Victory of Spanish.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry has been issued, one finding being signed by Admirals Benham and Ramsay, and another, largely dissenting, by Admiral Dewey. The majority report rather severely condemns Schley on 11 points, chiefly regarding coaling and reports of his search for Spanish vessels, and criticizes his alleged lack of enterprise, but absolves him from personal cowardice, finding that his conduct during battle was self-possessed and that he encouraged in his own person his subordinates.

Charles Nelson Has His Life Crushed Out by a Mass of Falling Earth Yesterday—Narrow Escape of His Companions—The Claim Is Owned by Andrews & McGraw.

A lamentable accident occurred in the Andrews & McGraw claim on Chechaco hill yesterday afternoon which resulted in the death of one man and the narrow escape of two others. Shortly after 3 o'clock Charles Nelson, P. A. Strong and another whose name could not be learned were at work in the tunnel through which the claim is worked. About 50 feet in from the entrance is a block of dirt about 1500 which was thawed last winter, but never taken out. At the time of the accident the men were at work near this particular place when without a word of warning the tremendous weight of ground gave way. Nelson was unfortunately a few feet in advance of his companions and received the full force of the mass, the dirt burying him many feet out of sight. Strong was galloped up to his waist and with the assistance of his other partner soon extricated himself. The alarm was at once given and soon every man who could find a spot in which to sink his shovel was at work along the cave-in. At night long the men worked and at 5 o'clock this morning they had succeeded in uncovering one arm of the unfortunate Nelson when a second slide occurred burying him as completely as before. During the day another shift has worked as unremissingly as that of the night previous, but at 3 o'clock this afternoon the body had not yet been recovered. Nelson was a young man, 27 years of age, and was unmarried.

MAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

As the Nugget goes to press this afternoon a report was telephoned to police headquarters that a man named Slater had shot himself dead, the scene of the tragedy being near the Klondike bridge. The deceased was found in his house lying on his bed, with the weapon of destruction lying near at hand. He had been sick for three months and was despondent. The dead man's name was Jas. Slater, a seaman, formerly in the employ of Orsett. The authorities have taken charge of the body.

Will Be Decorated. St. Paul's Episcopal church will be prettily decorated for the Christmas holidays, the Ladies' Guild at a meeting held last night having concluded to take the matter in hand. A meeting will be held at the church this evening at 8 o'clock when active preparations will be begun. The church will be open and warm, every afternoon and evening during the week and there will be an abundance of evergreens on hand so that there will be plenty of work for all who may volunteer their services.

The Millionaire's Wife. Tonight and all of this week the comedy-drama, "The Millionaire's Wife" will be presented at the Auditorium by the Bitter Stock Co. and Ralph E. Cummings, the strongest cast that has ever been gotten together in the Yukon. Manager Bitter has never failed to please and entertain a Dawson audience and his performance this week will be fully up to the high standard he has established.

Shoff, the Dawson dog doctor, Pioneer drug store. Job Printing at Nugget office.

Magistrate Macaulay's court this morning presented something of the appearance of a court of 900 years ago when dark brown tastes were up in bunches. The first case today was that of D. H. Sanders who, not content with getting drunk, must needs get out on Third ave. at 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning and yell like a Comanche Indian. As it was his first offense he was let off with \$1 and costs. Camille Boscoe and Matilda Bonned who have been conducting a house of ill-fame on the corner of Fourth ave. and Queen street, were in court, their domicile having been raided Saturday at midnight by Sergeant Smith and Corporal Piper. The women were each fined \$25 and costs and given 48 hours in which to move from the forbidden limits for their occupation. A man who was in the house when it was raided was fined \$10 and costs.

TEMPLEMAN OUR FRIEND

Says Yukon Will Have Representation in Parliament. Victoria, Dec. 14.—Senator Templeman, president of the British Columbia Liberal Association, in an interview today, said: "In a short time the Yukon territory will have representation in the Dominion parliament. The people of the Klondike are entitled to a member of their own and the Dominion government will certainly give them one."

TO COLLECT POLL TAX

Skagway City Attorney Is Bringing Test Case. Skagway, Dec. 16.—The city attorney is entering suit to enforce the payment of poll tax under the law, the first case of the kind ever entered in an Alaskan court by a municipality. The city will also take steps to enforce the payment of delinquent property tax. Heretofore there has been a wide opinion that the city would not enforce the payment of taxes and it is to settle the question that a test case is being brought.

IN MANURE HEAP.

Paris, Dec. 14.—In the chamber of deputies today regarding the case of Socialist Professor Herve who was removed from the chair of history in the college of the Sons of France because of virile anti-military articles, M. Légues, minister of public instruction said the anti-military doctrines of M. Herve were not instructions for the youth in the military glories of France. He concluded by asserting that M. Herve wished to plant the French flag in a manure heap.

RUSSIAN AID.

New York, Dec. 14.—Harry De Windt who is preparing here for an overland trip from Paris to this city, is promised active assistance by the Russian government which will have reindeer and dog teams awaiting him in the most northern and remote districts of Siberia. De Windt's companions on the long journey will be Vicomte de Clinchamp and George Harding.

FROM MISSOURI.

New York, Dec. 14.—Edison discredits Marconi's report of transatlantic communication, saying the signal letter "S" is a very easy one on which to be fooled. He says, however, that the steamers Etruria and Umbria were in communication for five hours while passing each other at sea several hundred miles apart.

NEW YORK FLOOD.

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 14.—During the past two days floods have wrought damage in this locality to the amount of \$500,000.

Don't fail to see the cartoons at the Pioneer saloon.

Fancy Xmas cards, exquisite designs—Kilgore & Landahl's.

GOVERNMENT STANDS PAT

The White Pass Railroad Must Come to an Understanding. Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Vice President Newell of the White Pass road at Ottawa today declines to discuss the company's tariff or the outcome of suits now pending as the result of rates heretofore prevailing. Reports from Ottawa, however, state that if the government insists on cutting down the rates over the Canadian portion of the line the company will adopt the expedient of imposing higher through rates, thus testing the question of governmental control of through traffic. Meanwhile it is stated that the department of railways rules that anyone can insist on free transportation until the tariff is approved, the company under the railway act not daring to refuse any passengers or freight that may offer.

FREIGHT TARIFFS NOT APPROVED

And All Charges Are Therefore Collected Illegally.

NEWELL REFUSES TO TALK.

Vice-President is Mute When Asked to Discuss Pending Suits—Railroad Will Try to Bluff.

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NOT SO HERE.

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—Extreme cold paralyzed the Westera and Southern states. In the Panhandle district of Texas thousands of head of stock have died. In Chicago many persons have perished from cold. At Park Rapids, Minn., the thermometer dropped from 12 above to 39 below in 24 hours. Throughout Missouri and Nebraska the cold is unprecedented.

MORE RECRUITS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—If transport accommodations are available, two more squadrons will be recruited in Canada as soon as possible for service as mounted rifles in South Africa.

AWFUL DEATH.

Whitney, Ont., Dec. 15.—Isaac Wards, an aged man employed in Kings Bros. & Co.'s tannery, met an awful death yesterday by falling into a vat of boiling water.

MORE SMALL-POX.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Frank Nichols, a telephone lineman, is the latest smallpox victim.

COMING TODAY

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Duke of Newcastle is here on his way to British Columbia and Dawson. Job Printing at Nugget office.

OUR BIG 50c Window X-Mas. Bargains Never Seen Before in Dawson in China Cups and Saucers, Plates, Bon-Bons, Pin Boxes, Bisque Figures, Useful and Ornamental Bric-a-Brac, All Newly Decorated in Newest Designs. ONE WEEK ONLY. McLENNAN, McFEELY & CO., Ltd.

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The Nugget this year proposes to offer fifty dollars for a song.

This Yukon territory, in the growth and prosperity of which every inhabitant takes the very deepest interest, has been celebrated the world over by newspapers and magazines, and books even, have been devoted to descriptions of its wonderful richness.

But its praises have never yet been set to music!

It is for the purpose of remedying this oversight that the Nugget makes its present offer.

We desire to publish a song which will represent to Yukon what the "Maple Leaf" is to the Dominion, what "America" is to the United States, and what "God Save the King" or "Rule Britannia" are to Great Britain.

The prize of fifty dollars will be offered for the words only. The music will be cared for later on.

We therefore invite every poet in the territory in which the divine spark has been planted to seal upon the muse and compete for the prize.

Please note the following conditions:

- (1). The song is to contain five stanzas.
- (2). No limitation is to be placed as to the metre or length of the verses.
- (3). Manuscripts signed with nom de plume and accompanied by sealed envelope containing real name and nom de plume must be received at this office not later than December 20th.

A competent committee of judges will be selected to decide upon the merits of the verses submitted and the award will be made in accordance with their decision.

Everyone who desires may compete, and we hope that a lively interest in the contest will be awakened.

Yukon Song.

LITTLE FRENCHMAN'S STORY

Why He Looks With Reverence in Every English Girl.

He knew from bitter experience of their true love and self-sacrificing devotion.

The little Frenchman drew himself up to his full height and pulled at his long moustache meditatively.

"Yes, my friend, I have lived in your country for seventeen years, and I tell you, I never look upon one of your English girls without feeling a sense of reverence. I take of my hat to them; I respect them all, for the sake of one who is, but a memory now. Yes, there is a story, and you shall hear it."

I am only forty-five. Ah, I know that I look far older—you observe the sprinkling of white hair—but that is not my story.

Eighteen years ago I bore arms for France, my own dear native land. I had a soldier's life, and worked hard, for though fortune had been kind, and I was poor and only a soldier, there was blood in my veins that had flown from an honored name and a grand name back with me on a grand name, and I had the emperor's commission and was a sergeant on many a stricken field. I had that some day, I, too, should die and be a worthy member of my nation.

I must go back a little farther to the beginning of my acquaintance with the man of whom I must speak in order to tell you my history. I met him when I had been only a few months with the colors. His name was Harold Venn, and he was an English gentleman down on his knees. Cards and wine on a younger man's pretence were, I think, the principal causes of his downfall. He was tall, well-built man with a dark, handsome face and a cheery voice. He was a cafe that I found him sitting at a table, with his head on his hand and a look of despair in his eyes. He told me of his desperate fight, that all was now lost, and that there was no possibility of re-attaining himself. At my suggestion he joined the army, and we became comrades.

There is nothing new to tell of that couple of years in barracks. We were young friends, and were always together when off duty. He made his reflections at times on his subordinate position, but there was no unhappiness in him, and my views were with his, for was I not also a good fellow?

As, however, we both had birth-privileges to befall our low estate, you guess rightly; it was a question of time.

But, ah, my friend, such a man! She was an English girl, having stayed in Paris to complete her education. I fancy she did count it in time, but, ah, the cost! Her parents were very rich and influential, and they allowed her to remain in Paris for an unmissionable time. She was very fond of painting, and she spent many hours in the studio. Her presence quickened the heart of many a student, and it was like sunshine in a dark, dreary alley! Her beauty attracted attention wherever she went, and she was not a lacheler in Paris who would not have given his all for a glance of encouragement from her eyes. She was the embodiment of womanly grace and loveliness. It was indeed a strange thing that we were comrades—should have become intimate with her. But it was the fate of fate, my friend. We had been met from a distance time and again, and once we discovered her home, we went to ascertain where she lived. One evening as we walked on a sidewalk, I saw a flame in the sky, and my heart gave a leap, for some-thing told me that the fire was at her home. We raced to the spot and found the flames wrapping the building in a mantle of red and scorching who ventured too near. The fire had not arrived and time was

You will not fail me?" I said. "Very well, then, I will look the other way and you will slip out past me unobserved. At twelve, return in the same manner. After that time I do not care, for I shall be relieved at a quarter past."

He wrung my hand and a moment later was gone.

The succeeding hours were among the most dismal of my life. It was a dull night, with but a few stars in the moonless sky, and the solitude of my watch appealed to me with exceptional force. I could not help thinking of the pair now meeting before their piteous faces as he told her the truth. The thought harrowed my feelings and I even wished that he would soon be able to escape from the service and take her to America in accordance with his desire.

You smile! Ah, you do not realize the intensity of my affection! Though she was another man's wife, I still cared for her in secret. But as time went on my thoughts reverted to her husband and his impending return. At eleven-thirty a sergeant passed me on his rounds and I reported that all was well. Of course, he did not enter the guard room or all would have been lost. At ten minutes before he hour I left the guard room door and stepped across the court outside, so as to give my prisoner the opportunity to return without being palpably observed by me. The next ten minutes were unaccountably long, anxious ones, during which I could feel my heart beating lustily against my ribs.

At length I heard a slight noise, and, turning my head, saw a shadow move stealthily towards the door of the guard room and disappear.

I should have mentioned that the court abutted on to the public street and was surrounded by a wall of no great height, crowned by short iron railings. The door of the guard room was plainly visible from the street.

A moment later I returned to my post, and peering through the window saw my prisoner seated in a dark corner, he had bent forward and his face buried in his hands.

"Thank Heaven!" I fervently exclaimed, and in that moment I saw a brighter future for Ethel, for there was a great probability, I argued, of so honorable a man turning over a new leaf.

As I was to be relieved at a quarter past twelve I deemed it inadvisable to speak with the prisoner at the moment, so I had to subdue my anxiety to know how Ethel was until the morning. My mind was easier now, for my prisoner was safe within and the responsibility would be off my shoulders in a few minutes. Thereafter he was quite welcome to escape if he could; in fact I would not be sorry if he did.

Well, punctually at a quarter past twelve I was relieved, and when the sergeant was gone and I was free I stood for a few moments with the man who had taken my place. He laughed as he glanced through the window and saw his solitary prisoner.

"Look! the fellow's sleeping!" he cried, and, sure enough, when I looked in, there was the prisoner, huddled up in a corner with his helmet over his face.

"St. Denis! I have an easy task!" I think I can even take a stroll!" I exclaimed, the sentinel thrusting his arm in mine, and we paced the courtyard together and talked.

Presently I left him and strolled down the yard. When I had traversed about half the distance between me and the gate I heard a sudden shout and a noise as of someone rushing across the yard; and instantly it flashed across my mind that Venn was attempting to escape. Two shots rang out in quick succession, but, turning round, I saw that the prisoner was still unharmed and making with all speed for the railings. For a moment I stood quite still, torn by conflicting emotions, and then I was startled by the appearance of an officer, who said: "A prisoner's escaping! Shoot—you idiot!"

I knew that the words were addressed to me, and, half-mechanically, I raised the rifle to my shoulder. After all, I reflected, it would be better for me to hit Venn in the legs and stop him than for another to kill him.

I therefore fired, and the next instant threw the rifle down and stopped my ears, for a woman's scream rang out above every other sound. I knew the voice at once—good heavens! I can hear that scream now! I rushed up and tried to stanch the blood from a gaping wound, but it was hopeless.

"Stand back!" I cried to the others. "This is my affair, now!" I took the post sent in my arms and she died there after speaking but one sentence in my ear: "I saved your honor and his," she whispered, and then my eyes were blinded and my face streamed with tears.

There is little more to tell. Suspicion fell on me and I was tried by court martial. Twelve months later I left the army, and now I hate the sight of a rifle. I never saw Venn again, and I never wish to. It was clear to me that he broke his parole to me, and allowed his poor, ailing wife to disguise herself in his uniform and redeem his promise. And now, as I said before, I never look upon an English girl without reverence—Tit-Bits.

A Christmas present will be given away to every child in the Klondike holiday week at Gandolfo's.

She Wasn't Afraid of Him.

A lady went out after dinner, leaving the new servant alone in the house, and said to her on departing: "Now, Sarah, please remember that we never buy anything from gypsies or peddlers, or anyone at the door, and do not, on any account, let strangers come into the house."

"I will not, ma'am," replied Sarah firmly.

An hour later the front door bell rang. Sarah went to the door. There stood a stranger, brief-bag in hand, nodding carelessly to the servant, he was about to enter, when Sarah braided herself firmly in the doorway, and said "Go back!"

"Why, girl," he said in surprise and indignation, "what do you mean?"

"What do you mean by trying to poke yourself into folk's houses? Oh, you needn't glare at me like that! I ain't afeerd of ye!"

To angry and too amazed to offer any explanation, the gentleman said sternly, "Stand aside and let me pass!"

An umbrella and walking stick stood in the hall by the girl's side, and, seizing a heavy cane, she brandished it bravely, saying as she did so: "You try to come in here if you dare! I ain't afeerd of ye!"

Conscious of the ludicrous and undignified appearance he presented, standing on his own doorstep with a servant-girl brandishing a cane over his head, the master of the house, for he it was, decided to capitulate.

"Where is your mistress?" he asked.

"She ain't at home, and she said I was not to let anybody in while she was gone, and I ain't goin' to," replied the girl doggedly.

"But, my good girl," replied the gentleman, his sense of humor overcoming his anger, "I am Mr. H—the husband of your mistress. Now, may I come in please?"

Not at all abashed at this information, the girl stepped aside, saying, in a tone of comical condescension, "Well, if you're him, I s'pose you can come in."

Toys of all descriptions at Gandolfo's.

Who Wants Some Cigarettes?

Mr. Eycupe was a man who prided himself on not being easily swindled, and when a dirty looking man accosted him one day in the Strand, and, putting his finger to his nose, with other pantomimic gestures implying that the greatest secrecy was necessary, asked him if he wanted some exceedingly cheap cigarettes, he was at once upon his guard.

As to how the man came by the cigarettes—well, never mind that. Mr. Eycupe was willing to buy them if they were good and cheap, but he must be satisfied as to their quality and they must be brought to him in some public place. He was not going to be decoyed to a den to be robbed.

It was arranged, therefore, that they should get again at 6 o'clock under Waterloo bridge, when the man would bring the cigarettes with him. Mr. Eycupe attended accordingly, and the man was there with a big parcel. He passed some cigarettes to Mr. Eycupe, and the bargaining commenced.

In the midst of it all "a man clothed in blue" pounced upon the two and seized upon Mr. Eycupe. The purveyor of cigarettes escaped, leaving the parcel of stolen goods behind.

The position was serious, but Mr. Eycupe's ready wit did not desert. Taking out his purse he tipped the "man in blue" with a couple of sovereigns, and then—escaped.

Half an hour afterwards that "man in blue" in blue no longer—and that purveyor of stolen cigarettes was hurrying reverly together with Mr. Eycupe's "pieces." The fact is that clever personage had been "caught."

Christmas Memories.

Christmas is never the same in the home where tiny stockings have been laid away in the damp of a mother's tears.

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WELDY YOUNG TAKES A RUN

From Barlow on Clear Creek to the Metropolis.

Says Things Are Brightening Up in the Country Over Which He Presides as Mining Recorder.

Weldy Young, the efficient mining recorder, all round athlete and pride of the civil service hockey team last year, arrived Saturday afternoon from his post at Barlow, on Clear Creek, a tributary of the Stewart, making the trip of 90 miles with a dog team in a day and a half.

His trip in at this time is one of business, the many stampede in the Stewart river and McQuesten creek sections this winter having well nigh exhausted the stock of forms he had on hand at his office.

Things never looked brighter in the upper river country nor in a more prosperous condition," said Mr. Young today. "The strikes that have recently been made are genuine discoveries and the staking for the most part has been done by bona fide miners who intend opening up their ground at once and not sit idly by waiting for a speculative rise."

At the time I left, Friday morning, the creek was staked to 100 below and up as far as Stone creek which comes in at 80 above. On the left fork, sometimes called Lightning creek, there are 75 or 80 claims recorded. One marked characteristic of the country which the old miners regard as extremely favorable, is that it is entirely out of the granite formation, there being practically nothing but slate and quartz.

One most commendable feature in the Duncan creek stampede and one which will effectively prevent any litigation of trouble over titles is the action of Sergeant Davis in charge of the upper Stewart detachment of the police. With the first bunch of stampedeers Constable Joy was despatched, traveling a distance of over 150 miles and remaining on the ground in order to see that there was no blanketing done and every man had fair play.

In speaking of the Swedes who were supposed to have taken out a stake before their ground was taken away from them and about whom there has been so much mystery, Mr. Young said: "Those fellows showed marvelous ingenuity in many ways. Take their saw mill for instance. With the exception of the saw and what few nails were used there is nothing about the mill that is not of wood."

Heavy Contract. Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—The Independent Iron & Steel Co., has contracted for twenty million tons of raw material, the contracts covering a number of years. The western iron fields will be largely drawn upon to fill it.

Lawyers Victim. New York, Dec. 14.—H. Baldwin Rice has been given letters making him the permanent administrator of the estate of William M. Rice, the millionaire that Attorney A. T. Rice is supposed to have murdered.

Ready to Embark. Ottawa, Dec. 14.—All the Canadian troops for the new contingent have gone to Halifax ready to embark. Two transports with men and horses will sail for South Africa on January 10th.

An Editor Shot. New York, Dec. 14.—Francis Iveagh, an editorial writer on an afternoon paper, was today shot by Alex. Horv, a printer. Iveagh is in Bellevue Hospital in a critical condition.

Fought Like Dogs. Nelson, B. C., Dec. 14.—John Houston, member of the provincial legislature, severely thrashed and hit ex-Mayor Neelands in a fight here today. Houston is the present mayor and editor of the Tribune.

Likes Family. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 14.—United States Senator J. C. S. Blackburn and Mrs. Mary Blackburn are married. The bride was the widow of Judge Blackburn a distant relative of the senator.

Oppose Frenchman. Montreal, Dec. 14.—English speaking lawyers are strongly protesting against the appointment of a French Canadian successor to Judge Wurtle to the court of the King's bench.

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RECEIVED BY WIRE. GOES UP IN SMOKE. Chicago, Dec. 14.—The carriage in which President McKinley rode in the Peace Jubilee of 1898 and which played a conspicuous part in the late McKinley memorial services, has been burned in a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. DARLING WILL LEAVE. Vancouver, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the White Pass Railway will make a change in the management of the Yukon river portion of the transportation system. At present H. Darling holds the position. He will shortly sever his connection with the company and will be succeeded by P. E. Scharnschmidt, who during the past season has been superintendent of the Atlin division. The change will take place in April.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. DEATH RATE IS APPALLING. In Concentration Camps in South Africa. London, Dec. 14.—In reporting to the war office from Pretoria, Kitchen says:—Bruce Hamilton after a long night march surprised Piet Viljoens larger at dawn on Dec. 13 at Witkams, 25 miles northwest of Ernelo, and killed 16 Boers and captured seventy-six armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left on the farms. He also recaptured one Henson gun, others being destroyed. Two field cornets were among the prisoners. The recaptured gun was in order and was used against the retreating enemy.

RECEIVED BY WIRE. DAWSON MAIL A SODDEN MASS. Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The mail from Dawson which came over the ice to Whitehorse reached here yesterday a sodden mass. It is distributed all over the postoffice on steam pipes in order that it may be dried before being handled, it having fallen through the ice on Lebarge. It is not yet known what portion of the correspondence will be wholly lost. It is all from Dawson and is the most demoralized consignment of mail ever seen in the Vancouver postoffice.

DELIGHTED AUDIENCE. Large Crowd Enjoys Performance at the Auditorium. The testimonial benefit tendered Harry Sedley yesterday evening at the Auditorium was one of the best vaudeville entertainments ever seen in the city and the size of the house was all that could have been desired by the beneficiary. Of the 23 numbers appearing on the program there was not one that was not most generously applauded by the large audience, encores being taken in nearly every instance. The first to make her bow was the winsome little Mame Holden, who with a diminutive fox-terrier in her arms sang about "not liking boys who ties cane in dog's tails and chases cats up a tree."

BRITISH LIBERALS. London, Dec. 14.—Lord Rosebery will make an important speech at Chesterfield Monday outlining his plan for reconstructing the British Liberal party under his leadership. It is believed that the new Rosebery party Sir Henry Grey, Herbert Asquith and Sir Henry G. Fowler will be central figures.

PIONEER DEAD. Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—David P. Thompson, capitalist and ex-United States minister to Turkey, is dead. He was born in Ohio in 1834 and came to Oregon in 1853, walking across the continent.

MORE OF SCHLEY. Washington, Dec. 16.—Jones of Arkansas has brought the Sehley controversy into the senate by introducing a bill which is virtually a slap at the court of inquiry as it tenders to Sehley and his men the thanks and compliments of the nation for their victorious work done at Santiago de Cuba.

WANT COLONISTS. London, Dec. 14.—Special inducements are being offered Canadians and Australians to accept commissions in the Royal Navy.

DIED IN AFRICA. New Westminster, Dec. 16.—Arthur Timlick whose parents reside here, recently died of wounds at Krugersdorp.

CUT HIS THROAT. Chicago, Dec. 14.—F. C. Steinmann, head of the New York jewelry firm of Steinmann & Co., suicided here last night by cutting his throat with a pen-knife.

MUST BE RICH. New York, Dec. 14.—December 21st is fixed for the marriage of Miss Elena Grace, a niece of a former mayor of New York, to Earl Donoug.

FOR THE SICK. Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Toronto hospital authorities have decided to hospitalize the insane who are admitted to the institution.

THE SUCKER STATE. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 14.—The state of Illinois yesterday properly celebrated the 83rd anniversary of its admission into the Union.

LOST. Lost—Friday evening on Third avenue late part to "William Tell" and overtaken. Finder please leave at this office.

WHAT A NAME. Washington, Dec. 16.—Phyllis Barbara, newly arrived in Seattle, has presented his name to the Registrar.

NOT GUILTY. Washington, Dec. 16.—Mrs. J. S. Rice has been acquitted by a jury under the direction of James Seymour.

COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT. Starvation Belt Buck. Costa Rica has for several years been sinking into poverty and misery and want stage the streets.

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The Nugget. Vol. 2 No. 300. JUDGE NOY. Result of Court and Attorney Simply Relief Mention in Frisco. Washington, Dec. 16.—As the conference between Mr. Noy and Attorney Arthur H. Noyes, Judge for the 8th District of Alaska, Nome headquarters, has been relieved. The decision in the contempt proceedings instituted against Noyes. "Judge Noyes" career at Nome most stormy in the history of Alaska jurisprudence and which has been the subject of much speculation among residents of the city.